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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN SOMALIA

REF: STATE 50756

1. SIAD REGIME WOULD NOT RPT NOT PERMIT INTRODUCTION INTO SOMALI WATERS OF ANY US RESEARCH EQUIPMENT OR AMERICAN PERSONNEL, WHATEVER THEIR OCEANOGRAPHIC PURPOSES. THIS INCLUDES STATIONING OF US FLAG VESSEL IN SOMALI PORTS, CHARTERING OF LOCAL VESSEL FOR US OCEANOGRAPHIC/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF TIDE-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS ALONG COAST. ANY US REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR ABOVE -- WHETHER OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE -- WOULD BE A) REJECTED OUT OF HAND; B) IGNORED; OR C) SUBJECT TO ENDLESS STALLING TACTICS.

2. GSDR REGARDS ITS COASTAL WATERS AND ITS PORTS AS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE MILITARY/NAVAL AREAS. US DEFENSE ATTACHE WHOM CURRENT CARRIED INTO MOGADISCIO PORT AREA WHILE SWIMMING SEVERAL YEARS AGO WAS IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY. US ACTIVITY AT DIEGO GARCIA AND US NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN HAS INTENSIFIED SOMALI SUSPICIONS. ANY US OCEANOGRAPHIC EFFORT IN SOMALI WATERS WOULD BE VIEWED AS PART OF US INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EFFORT TO SUPPORT NAVAL OR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN AND AFRICAN LITTORAL.

3. SOVIET MIL AND NAVAL ADVISORS IN SOMALIA WOULD REINFORCE SUCH INTERPRETATION GIVEN SOVIET MERCHANT AND NAVAL ACTIVITY  
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IN AREA, SOVIET FACILITIES AT BERBERA AND SOVIET/SOMALI FISHING

ACCORD. FYI SOVIET ADVISORS IN SOMALIA HAVE MISREPRESENTED US  
NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN FOR THEIR LESSER-INFORMED SOMALI  
HOSTS. END FYI. IT WOULD THUS BE IMPOSSIBLE CONVINCING MINDEF  
AND OTHERS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY OF US OCEANOGRAPHIC EFFORT.

4. EVEN TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH GSDR WOULD PROBABLY BE MISTAKE  
AT THIS TIME, SINCE IT WOULD TEND TO AROUSE SUSPICIONS OF  
NATURE OF US INTEREST IN SOMALIA AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE SEEKING  
MORE NORMAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP.  
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